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Application No.: 10/028,242 )  
Filing Date: December 20, 2001 )  
Applicant(s): Brian Christian Orr et al. )  
Group Art Unit: 3681 )  
Examiner: H. Ho )  
Title: Method And Design Of An )  
Automotive Differential )  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT; and  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner Of Patents And Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002, for which the two-month shortened statutory period for response expires on January 31, 2003. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups, Group I (Claims 1-3 – drawn to a differential casing) and Group II (Claims 4-7 – drawn to a differential mechanism).

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 as follows: